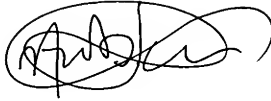


REMARKS

Claims 1-9 were previously canceled. Claims 11-14 and 17-27 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 10 and 16 are amended. Claim 15 is original. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing, this application is now believed to be in condition of allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark D. Torche', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

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